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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Amend claims 1, 17, 22, and 23.

A1
1. A communications method for transferring electronic data to users of a communications system, the method comprising:
establishing a connection between a client and a host, the client including a browser application configured to render data encapsulated in a standard Internet content format;
receiving electronic data from the host in response to a data request transmitted from the client; and
at the client, simultaneously executing multiple instantiations of the browser application in response to the electronic data received from the host,
wherein at least one instantiation of the browser application is configured to exchange messages with at least one other instantiation of the browser application.

A2
17. A computer program for transferring electronic data to users of a communications system, the computer program being stored on a computer readable medium and comprising instructions for:

establishing a connection between a client and a host, the client including a browser application configured to render data encapsulated in a standard Internet content format;
receiving electronic data from the host in response to a data request transmitted from the client; and
at the client, simultaneously executing multiple instantiations of the browser application in response to the electronic data received from the host,

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